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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SEC INVESTIGATION OF KOREAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE FROM US NEWS STORIES, SEC IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF KICK-BACKS FROM US FIRM, E-SYSTEMS, TO KOREAN BUSINESS AGENTS, WHICH WERE THEN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN USED TO MAKE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO US CONGRESSMEN.

2. AS PART OF THIS INVESTIGATION, SEC ENFORCEMENT DIVISION HAS ISSUED SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY ON CREDIT CARD HELD BY ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE OF ROK EMBASSY, COL. YI KYU-HWAN. ACCORDING TO ROK COUNSELOR YU CHONG-HA, EMBASSY
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LAWYERS HAVE LEARNED THAT SUBPOENA WILL BE EXECUTED FEBRUARY 17 UNLESS EMBASSY VOLUNTARILY INSTRUCTS AMERICAN EXPRESS TO TURN OVER RECORDS TO SEC. COUNSELOR YU TOLD US THAT SINCE COL. YI HAS ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION WITH ALLEGATIONS, EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO COOPERATE VOLUNTARILY. HE SAID AMBASSADOR HAHM MIGHT

APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT TO SEEK INTERVENTION WITH
SEC.

3. ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. IF ISSUE
RAISED BY ROKG OFFICIALS, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE IT IS
AWARE OF CASE, BUT THAT ISSUE BEING DEALT WITH IN
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